

Amendment
Serial No. 09/500,387
Page 2 of 19

In the Specification

Please replace the following paragraphs with the amended replacement paragraphs as follows:

On page 7, beginning line 6 to 11:

The second or non-homogeneous (i.e., hybrid) SONET rings 160 comprises four ADMs denoted as 162, 164, 166 and the first ADM 142, of the DCS system 140. The exemplary second SONET ring 160 also comprises a UPSR. The first ADM 162 of the second ring network 160 serves as a GNE and is coupled to the SONET element management system 125 via the management control signal ADMM.

274712-1